Self-employment to 10 lakh youth

†1683. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide self-employment to 10 lakh youth of the highly deprived families;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this programme;

(d) by when this programme is likely to be implemented; and

(e) what are the names of the agencies which have been assigned the work relating to this programme and the sources from which funds are likely to be drawn for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) This Ministry has no proposal to provide self-employment to 10 lakh youth of the highly deprived families. However, this Ministry is implementing a self employment programme namely Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) *w.e.f.* 1.4.99 which targets the below poverty line families. The SGSY is a holistic programme of self employment covering all aspects of self employment *viz.* organisation of the rural poor, including rural youth into Self Help Groups, training and capacity building, planning of activity clusters, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing.

(b) to (e) In view of 'a' above, questions do not arise.

Allotment of land to landless families

1684. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landless families getting land in the Government programme of allotment of land in different States of the country during the last five years upto 31st October, 2003;

(b) the amount spent by the State Government during this period for rehabilitating these landless families in getting land;

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